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Remarks

Claims 1–9, 16, 17, 19, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in one or more continuation applications. Therefore, Claims 10–15, 18 and 21–24 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 10–15, 18 and 21–24 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 5–7, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,413,611 ("Haslam"). Applicants have cancelled these claims, and therefore respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 8, 16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,888,230 ("Helmy"). Applicants have cancelled these claims, and therefore respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the same. If, however, some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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